IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

WRIT PETITION NO. 987 OF 2000.

The Great Eastern Shipping
Co.Ltd. & anr. ... Petitioners.

V/s.

The Union of India ... Respondents.

Mr.E.P. Bharucha,Senior Counsel i/b M/s Mulla & Mulla for the petitioners.

Mr. P.S. Jetly for the respondents.

CORAM : V.C.DAGA & J.P.DEVADHAR,JJ.

DATED : 13.6 .2006.

P.C. :

. Heard rival parties.

Perused petition.

2. Mr.Bharucha, learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner fairly concedes that the issues involved in this petition are covered by judgment of this Court in the case of Pride Foramer vs. Union of India- 2001 3 MLJ 819 as such it is liable to be dismissed for the reasons recorded therein.

3. In the result, for the reasons stated in the aforesaid judgment, petition is dismissed. Rule is discharged with no order as to costs.

4. At this stage, learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the question of correctness

of the judgment of this Court in the case of Pride Foramer (supra) is pending before the Apex Court in the case filed by AbanLoyd Chiles Offshore Ltd. & anr. vs. Union of India (Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No. 17680/2001) as such petitioner desires to take this matter to the Apex Court by preferring S.L.P.

5. In the above view of the matter and considering pendency of the appeal in the Apex Court, we stay the effect and operation of the impugned order for 8 weeks.

(V.C.DAGA,J.)

(J.P.DEVADHAR,J.)